GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2616
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2000
RESTRICTION ON PASSENGERS VISITING NEPAL
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have imposed certain retrictions for the passengers travelling by air from India to Nepal and vice-versa;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the arrangements made for the passengers travelling by road from Nepal to India and vice-versa?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (c): India and Nepal have agreed to tighten the existing system whereby Indian and Nepalese nationals travelling by air between the two countries are required to present photo identification documents to establish their nationality. Indian citizens would be required to be in possession of any of the following documents while travelling by air between the two countries:

- Valid national passport
- Photo identity card issued by the Government of India/any State Government or Union Territory Administration in India/Identity card issued by the Election Commission of India.
- Emergency Certificate issued by Embassy of India, Kathmandu to Indian nationals in case of emergent conditions.

Nepalese citizens would be required to be in possession of any one of the following documents while travelling by air between the two countries:

- Valid national passport
- Photo identity card issued by the Government of Nepal
- Emergency Certificate issued by the Royel Nepalese Embassy in New Delhi to the Nepalese nationals in case of emergent conditions.

Children upto the age of 10 years will not require the above mentioned documents for travelling between India and Nepal, by air.

The above decision will be implemented with effect from October 1, 2000

There is no proposal under consideration to introduce identification documents for Indian and Nepalese nationals travelling across the land border.